

SENATE BILL 3498

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,
Chapter 3, relative to maintenance of effort.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-314(c), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (3):

(3) The commissioner shall develop and require the use of a standard statewide payment schedule for maintenance of effort payments that are made to an LEA by the local legislative body responsible for providing local funding to the LEA. In lieu of the use of the standard statewide maintenance of effort payment schedule, an LEA and the local legislative body responsible for local funding may mutually agree to a different payment schedule subject to approval by the commissioner of the schedule. In order to enforce payment according to the schedule applicable to an LEA, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, withhold a portion or all of the state education finance funds that the LEA is otherwise eligible to receive.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.